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NOTE VERBALE DATED 14 JANUARY 1998 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE, HELD IN TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, FROM 9 TO 11 DECEMBER 1997, SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE FOR INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to inform the latter of the decision of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 9 to 11 December 1997 to accept the resolution on support of the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan for convening a Conference for interaction and confidence-building measures in Asia (see annex).

The Office of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan would be grateful if this resolution of the Islamic Summit Conference could be registered as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed for information to all member and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. .../8-P (IS)
ON
SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE FOR INTERACTION AND
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Dignity, Dialogue, Participation), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 9 to 11 Sha'aban, 1418H (9-11 December 1997),

Realizing that the present world is characterized by the absence of sharp political and ideological opposition of different systems;

Proceeding from understanding that the Muslim States as well as other countries of the world are interested in providing strong and permanent peace and stability as the most important condition for the progressive development of the world community on the way of economic and cultural progress;

Reaffirming the respect for principles of the United Nations Charter, international law and legitimacy as well as peaceful negotiations and constructive dialogue for achieving the desired goal that is the resolution of regional conflicts;

Proceeding from the necessity of the strict observance of the principle of the territorial integrity and the respect of the sovereignty of all countries and non-interference in their internal affairs;

Stressing the need for general and complete disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament;

Greeting the initiatives on the questions of international and regional security proposed by the Islamic countries;

Recognizing the expediency of usage of the experience of the world community as a whole as well as some regional security structures;

Understanding that along with the establishment of a new mechanism of regional security it is necessary to take into consideration the specificity of the relations between the States in the Asian continent;

Underlining the need to respect the regional groups within the United Nations;

Condemning the persistence of the policies of hegemony, power politics, military diktat and use of force;

Underlining the irrelevance of the doctrine of nuclear deterrence in the post cold war era;

Taking into account that the initiative of calling the Conference for interaction and confidence-building measures has been supported by a significant number of Asian States, international organizations, including the United Nations and OIC, and has become an important factor of regional policy;

Stressing that among its participants are the countries representing all five continents of the world;

Taking into consideration that the process of the preparation of the Conference for interaction and confidence-building measures in Asia has acquired the stable character and that the Special Working Group has made significant work for drawing together the different approaches and elaboration of the formulas on the main security problems and this work has been highly appreciated by many Asian countries;

1. Welcomes the efforts of the Republic of Kazakhstan for promotion of the initiative of the Conference for interaction and confidence-building measures in Asia,

2. Considers that the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan for convening a Conference for interaction and confidence-building measures in Asia will contribute to the general process of providing the international security,

3. Calls upon Member States to express their support of the Kazakhstani initiative taking into consideration the possibility of resolution of many urgent problems of present-day world in its frame,

4. Recommends that the OIC Member States may join the process of promoting the confidence-building measures in the Asian continent, the interaction in the interests of all Islamic nations and States as well as taking part in the work of the Conference at all levels,

5. Requests the Secretary-General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the next Islamic Summit.